In Loving Memory Of
Leola Annetta Meneese

Sunrise:
March 16th 1928

Sunset
August 31st 2010

Celebration of Life Service:

7:00pm Friday
September 17th

GREATER GOOD SHEPHERD
Church Of God In Christ
Supt. Robert Smith, Pastor
5263 Foothill Blvd.
Oakland, California 94601

OFFICIATING
Bishop Jerry W. Macklin

Home Going Service:

11:00am Saturday
September 18th

EAST OAKLAND DELIVERANCE CENTER
Bishop Ray Mack, Pastor
7425 International Blvd.
Oakland, California 94621

OFFICIATING
Supt. Robert Smith

Leola Annetta Meneese

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OBITUARY

Born on March 16, 1928 the 4th of 7 children, to Edgar Elmer Smith & Mary Catherine Leolta Smith in Speed, Missouri. Her father was a farm worker so they moved often from town to town in the area so she attended several elementary schools, sometimes walking miles in the rain or snow. She attended Sumner High School in Boonville, Missouri. She later moved to Kansas City, Where she met and married, James Avery Meneese (who preceded her in death 1994) to this union they had 5 girls, Sharon and Karon (twins who preceded her in death 2006, 2007) Constance (Connie), Sharlita (Sha), Corrinne (Co). The family later moved to San Francisco, California. There she furthered her education at John Adams Vocational School where she became a licensed vocational nurse and later worked at Kaiser Hospital for many years until her retirement.

She was a member of Holy Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor James Leach (deceased) where she came to know that God had a special calling on her life. She later joined Little Manger C.O.G.I.C., Pastor Anderson Hines (deceased) where she received the Holy Ghost and this is where her husband Elder James A Meneese received the Lord. She was called to be a Missionary. Her favorite scripture was Psalms 24, her favorite song was "Without Him I Could Do Nothing" as the years passed, her husband was called to the ministry and she always used to say, that she didn't want to be married to a preacher but God has a plan for this couple. This was the beginning of Guiding Light Church Of God In Christ, where they worked in the ministry as Pastor and First Lady, until her husband fell ill and decided to join Dancey Memorial C.O.G.I.C.

As faithful members over the years Elder Meneese later became pastor making Mother Meneese a First Lady again, she served until his passing in April 1994. In 2000 she joined Greater Good Shepherd C.O.G.I.C. Elder Robert Smith. Where she was a faithful member until her passing.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2010

MOTHER LEOLA MENEESE

M. C.
SUPERINTENDENT JOE L. NOBLES

ORGAN PRELUDE……ENTRANCE OF CLERGY & FAMILY

PRAYER……ELDER MARCUS WILLIAMS

SCRIPTURE READINGS…..MISSIONARY EVELYN HOLMES
DECON DOUGLAS WHITE

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS……G. G. S. PRAISE TEAM

CARDS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS……SISTER JOCELYN THOMAS

SELECTION……MISSIONARY EVANGELA WILLIAMS

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE & REFLECTIONS (3 MINS. PLEASE)
FAMILY & FRIENDS

MUSICAL TRIBUTE……CONNIE MENEESE & JAMES ELLIOTT
(DAUGHTER) (GRANDSON)

READING OF OBITUARY……SISTER LAVAYNE HARRIS

SELECTION…… MINISTER LAWRENCE MATTHEWS

WORDS OF COMFORT & ENCOURAGEMENT:

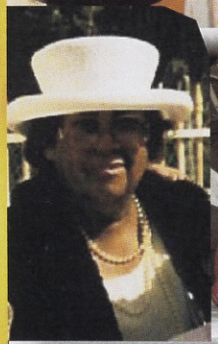
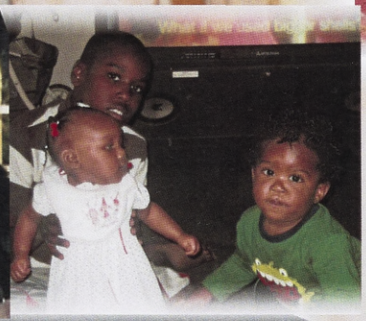
BISHOP J. W. MACKLIN

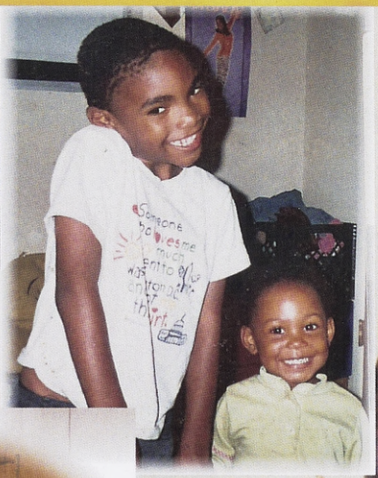
2ND PRESIDING BISHOP CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
NOR CAL METROPOLITAN JURISDICTION PRELATE
LONG TIME FRIEND

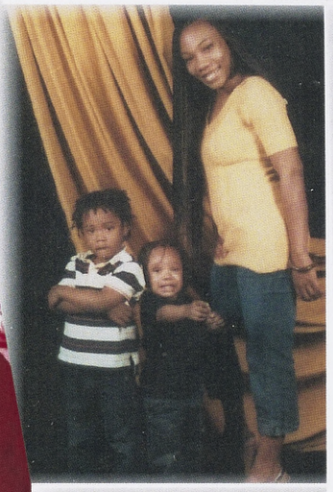
VIEWING AND REMEMBERANCE……
DUGGAN WELCH FUNERAL SERVICES

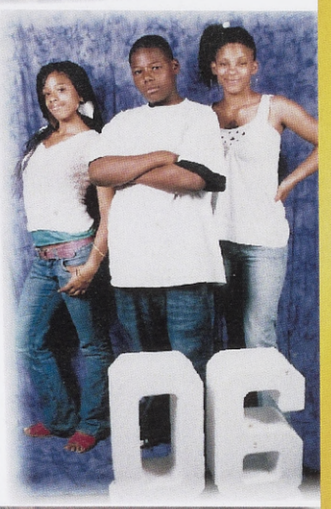
MOTHER MENEESE'S FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: PSALMS: 24

The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.







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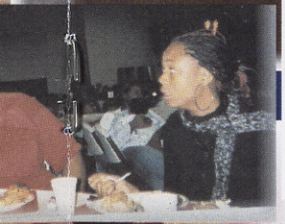

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FINAL JOURNEY

In January 2009, Mother Meneese was diagnosed with gastric cancer during, the months that followed she endured the pain of her illness, had several rounds of chemotherapy with grace and courage, serving as a powerful example of faith and trust during difficult times. Mother Meneese life was not in vain. Because of her powerful lifelong example of a saved, sanctified woman of God, the Meneese family takes comfort in knowing that she fought a good fight until the end. Mother Meneese answered the call and ended her life's journey, on August 31, 2010. She will truly be missed.

She leaves to mourn her loving (3) daughters, Constance (Connie), Sharlita, Corrinne and son-in-law Ricardo Burnette, Sr., (1) stepdaughter, Johnnie Mae Meneese-Morrow, brothers: Lloyd J. Smith, (Chicago, Il), Alfred Smith (Kansas City, Mo), sisters: Betty J. Christian (Independence, Mo), Maria Martin (Cincinatti, Ohio), Maxine Parker (Daly City), (27) grandchildren, Latonia, Jeanette, Tracey, Cathy, James, Antoinette, Antoineesha, Anthony, Lacole, Donte, Derrell, Vashawn, Lajaysha, Ricardo, Jason, Michael, Tashauna. (47) great grand children, (6) great great grandchildren. Also her special children in the Lord. Betty Hines Davis, Martha Hall, Carolyn Moore, Cassandra Bailey, Georgia Black, Ajarita Stewart, Dorothy Ware, Shirley Marzett, Elder James & Sister Floyd Gilmore, Elder RickieHannah, Belinda Dawkins, Lee A. Hines, Elder Don M. Phillips, Minister Lawrence Matthews. (3) god children Chante & Laton Moore, and Fred Hines, Jr. Longtime friends Cynthia Seymore, Odessa Hodge, Iberia Hines, Rosie Washington, Mother Plumie Dancey, Mother Velma Taylor, Mother Queenie Watson, Pastor Eugene Ferrell, Floyd & Mozelle Hart.

A host of neices, nephews, relatives, and friends. Greater Good Shepherd COGIC, Little Manger COGIC, Dancey Memorial COGIC, Solid Rock COGIC, California Northwest Jurisdiction, Bishop W. W. Hamilton, Mother Mary M. Welch, Nor Cal Metro Jurisdiction, Bishop J. W. Macklin, and Nor Cal State Supervisor of Women Mother Plumie Dancey.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2010

MOTHER LEOLA MENEESE

M. C.

SUPERINTENDENT JERALD K. SIMPKINS, SR.

ORGAN PRELUDE…….ENTRANCE OF CLERGY & FAMILY
PRAYER……..PASTOR D. M. PHILLIPS
SCRIPTURE READINGS……. ELDER JAMES DYAS
ELDER ROGER BYRD

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS…….SISTER PAMELA SHARP

CARDS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS…….SISTER NESSIE CLARK
RESOLUTIONS……..SISTER CLAUDIA BARKUS

SELECTION.....MINISTER LAWRENCE MATTHEWS &
THE MOTHER LEOLA MENEESE MEMORIAL CHOIR

EXPRESSIONS

AS A LONG TIME FRIEND……..MOTHER VELMA TAYLOR
NOR CAL METROPOLITAN SUPERVISOR MOTHER PLUMIE DANCEY
AS A NEIGHBOR…….MOTHER JOYCE WHITTINGTON
AS A FIRST LADY…….MISSIONARY DOROTHY WARE
AS A GRANDMOTHER……..CATHY ECHOLS, JAMES ELLIOTT
AS A MOTHER……..CONNIE MENEESE, SHARLITA MENEESE
AND CORRINNE BURNETTE

READING OF OBITUARY.....SISTER CHARLOTTE HINES

SELECTION.....MINISTER LAWRENCE MATTHEWS &
THE MOTHER LEOLA MENEESE MEMORIAL CHOIR

EXPRESSIONS

LOCAL CHURCH……..MOTHER MARILYN JACKSON
CENTRAL DISTRICT……MISSIONARY BENITA HODGES
CNW WOMEN'S DEPT……..MOTHER MARY M. WELCH
SUPERVISOR OF WOMEN

SELECTION…….ELDER RICKIE HANNAH

EULOGY…….*SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT SMITH*
Her Pastor

VIEWING AND REMEMBERANCE……
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COMMITTAL…….*SUPERINTENDENT.* ROBERT SMITH

The Home Going Services of

Missionary Leola Annetta Meneese

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Active Pallbearers:

Elder Robert London ~ Jay Allen Eaggans ~ Adrian Hardeman
Carzell Brownlee ~ Lee Hines ~ VaShawn Moncrease

Honorary Pallbearers

L. J. Smith
Alfred Smith
James Elliott
Ricardo Burnette, Sr
Ricardo Burnette, Jr
Kevin Lewis
Jason Burnette
Michael Burnette
Derrell Barber
Brandon Johnson
Yaku Lewis
DeShaun Smith
Dawaun Smith
Melvin Crowder
Dewayne Echols
Anthony Nelson
Ron Garland

Duggan Welch
Funeral Services
3434 17th Street
San Francisco, Ca

Special Thanks

On behalf of the Meneese family, we would like yo express our sincere thanks to: Pastor Robert Smith and the Greater Good Shepherd Church, Bishop J. W. Macklin and the Glad Tidings Church, Pastor Jerald K. Simpkins and the Solid Rock Church, Pastor Joe Nobles and the Dancey Memorial Church, Pastor D. M. Phillips and the Greater Gethsemane Church, and Bishop Ray Mack and the East Oakland Deliverance Center, Mother Mary Welch, Mother Plumie Dancey, the Central District, and all of our loving friends; for your all your love and support and donations during our time of bereavement.